



# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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DATE: May 22, 2008  
TO: Legislative Finance Committee  
FROM: Greg DeWitt  
RE: Budget Amendments

### BUDGET AMENDMENT ACTIVITY

As of May 21, 2008, the Legislative Fiscal Division has received notification of 30 certified budget amendments since the March 2008 Legislative Finance Committee meeting. The amendments increase total funds by \$19.7 million in FY 2008 and \$5.3 million in FY 2009. An additional 1.64 FTE in FY 2008 and 4.37 FTE in FY 2009 have also been added. One amendment transfers existing authority between expenditure categories, four extend previously approved amendment authority, and two transfer authority between programs. Figure 1 summarizes the budget amendments certified from the December committee meeting through May 21, 2008.

Each amendment, along with a brief explanation, is summarized in the attached table. Staff has reviewed the amendments and has raised no concerns with any amendment meeting statutory criteria.

Figure 2 summarizes the budget amendments that have been certified for the 2009 biennium. The various approving authorities have added a total of \$68.1 million in the 2009 biennium.

Figure 1 Budget Amendment Summary (since last LFC meeting)			
Component	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Number of Amendments	0	26	10
FTE Added	0.00	1.64	4.37
State Special		\$2,000,000	\$0
Federal Revenue	0	17,738,115	5,273,476
Proprietary	0	0	0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$19,738,115	\$5,273,476

Figure 2 Budget Amendment Cumulative Summary 2009 Biennium						
LFC Meeting	Number of Amendments	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennium Total	FY 2008 FTE	FY 2009 FTE
October 9, 2007	78	\$8,859,101	\$1,775,075	\$10,634,176	24.50	5.81
December 11, 2007	33	15,631,470	4,398,952	20,030,422	11.01	6.04
March 6, 2008	37	6,457,834	5,929,552	12,387,386	12.62	7.92
June 5, 2008	30	19,738,115	5,273,476	25,011,591	1.64	4.37
October 9, 2008*	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
November 18, 2008*	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total	178	\$50,686,520	\$17,377,055	\$68,063,575	49.77	24.14
* Tentative dates						

## Detailed Budget Amendment Report

LFC Meeting: June 2008				Amount FY08	Amount FY09	FTE FY08	FTE FY09
<b>BA #:</b> 303.3	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Administration - Admin Financial Services Division	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Move existing Project Safe Neighborhood federal grant from Administration and Financial Services Division to the new program, the Director's Office as part of a department reorganization.			-144,256		0.00	
<b>BA #:</b> 303.3	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Administration - Director's Office	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Move existing Project Safe Neighborhood federal grant from Administration and Financial Services Division to the new program, the Director's Office as part of a department reorganization.			144,256		0.00	
<b>BA #:</b> 016	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Commerce - Housing Division	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase federal appropriation authority for the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, the purpose of the program is to provide counseling services for mortgage delinquencies and foreclosure prevention.			277,328			
<b>BA #:</b> 177	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DEQ / Remediation	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Office of Surface Mining, liquidation of historic coal fund balance for the abandoned mine land (AML) programs. This is the state's annual share of the historically undistributed amount. The funds are to be distributed over 7 years. Total of \$8.2 million. There are currently 300 prioritized AML projects.			505,000	2,725,000	0.08	1.00
<b>BA #:</b> 127.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DEQ / Remediation	<b>Funding:</b> State Special	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase in existing budget authority for the Environmental Quality Protection Fund. Statute requires increase in appropriation if additional funds become available through cost recovery and the current appropriation amount is insufficient.			2,000,000		0.00	
<b>BA #:</b> 82.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DEQ / Remediation	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extension of grant period to 2010 for EPA funding for leaking underground storage tanks. Remaining grant balance is \$187,374.						
<b>BA #:</b> 860	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DNRC / Water	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Natural Resource and Conservation Services funding to replace the main siphon on the east fork of the rock creek dam. This is the water users association share of the cost. The remaining funding is in HB2.			50,000	450,000		
<b>BA #:</b> 249.7	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DNRC / Water	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Bureau of Reclamation funding for support of the Milk River Joint Board of Control for water conservation planning and management. This additional funding brings the total grant award to \$116,400			4,000	22,000		
<b>BA #:</b> 261.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DPHHS - Child and Family Services	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	This BCD requests 2.0 modified FTE to be added to the monthly caseworker grant. Federal funding is a continuing appropriation through 2010 to ensure that each child in out-of-home foster care is visited each and every calendar month that the child is in care. States must meet 90% of this standard by October 1, 2011. Failure to make adequate progress and failure to meet the federal standard will result in an increase in state required match to obtain Title IV-B funding. The division will ultimately do an EPP to make the positions permanent.				70,000		2.00
<b>BA #:</b> 048.5	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DPHHS - Directors Office	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	No cost extension for the Montana Medicaid Infrastructure Grant extends the FTE to 12/31/2008 which extends until 12/30/08.			0	0	1.00	0.50
<b>BA #:</b> 088	<b>Agency/Program:</b> DPHHS - Public Health and Safety	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	To increase federal appropriation authority for additional federal funds received for the Food Emergency Response Network. The majority of the funding will be used to purchase a Cepheid SmartCycler, the purchase of the instrument is required as a condition of the grant and is used for participation in directed food safety and defense assignments.			88,986			

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<b>BA #:</b> 904	<b>Agency/Program:</b> FWP / Dept Management	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	US Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Grant for the Blackfoot river. Funds will be passed through to Five Valleys Trust to be used as 70% of the cost to purchase conservation easements on up to 21,752 acres within the project area.			4,583,599	2,002,776		
<b>BA #:</b> 322	<b>Agency/Program:</b> FWP / Fisheries	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	USDA funding for fish sampling in three location in the German Gulch watershed to determin if cleanup meets goals to maintaint populations of native fish.			3,300			
<b>BA #:</b> 303.3	<b>Agency/Program:</b> FWP / Fisheries	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extension of the Pacific States Marien Fisheries Commission grant for funding for aquatic nuisance species outreach. Total provided \$35,000/			0	0		
<b>BA #:</b> 603.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> FWP / Parks	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Additional US Forest Service funding for Smith river management activities.			3,300	3,700	0.10	0.11
<b>BA #:</b> 043	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Historical Society - Publications Program	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase federal appropriation authority for the grant project Border to Border: Quilts and Quiltmakers of Montana. The funds will be used to pay the printing costs of a book with the same title as the project.			6,000			
<b>BA #:</b> 044	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Historical Society - Research Program	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase federal appropriation authority for administrative support for the Montana State Historical Records Advisory Board			9,990			
<b>BA #:</b> 020.5	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Historical Society - Sites Preservation	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase federal authority for additional federal revenues revied from Bureau of Land Management for the State Historic Preservation Program			12,000			
<b>BA #:</b> 037.3	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Hsitorical Society - Publications Program	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase federal authority for the Preserve America grant in the Publication Program to provide for layout, design, and printing of The Montana Historcial Society Guide to Montana Place Names			2,161			
<b>BA #:</b> 053.3	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Judiciary - Supreme Court Operations	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	DPHHS grant for data collection related to cases involving children and families at risk.			102,399	0		0.38
<b>BA #:</b> 053.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Judiciary - Supreme Court Operations	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	DPHHS grant for data collection related to cases of families and children at risk.			0	0	0.21	0.13
<b>BA #:</b> 320	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Justice - Forensic Science Division	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	US Department of Justice Forensic Backlog Reduction Program Formula Grant to be used to fund robotics to be used in DNA analysis at the lab.			100,000			
<b>BA #:</b> 011	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Justice - Legal Services Division	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Federal crime victim's compensation formulat grant. The grant is greater than in previous years and thus additional spending authority is needed. This grant covers medical expenses of crime victims.			82,979		0.00	
<b>BA #:</b> 440.2	<b>Agency/Program:</b> Justice - Motor Vehicle Division	<b>Funding:</b> Federal	<b>Concerns:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Purpose:</b>	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant to improve reporting from law enforcement, to courts, to MVD.			0	0	0.25	0.25

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BA #:	701.6	Agency/Program:	Military Affairs - DES	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Add federal authority to reflect a six-month extension of the 2005 Homeland Security Grant, from 3/31/08 to 9/30/08				1,900				
BA #:	002.3	Agency/Program:	Public Service Regulation	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Federal Call Before You Dig grant.				36,450		0.00		
BA #:	33	Agency/Program:	Transportation - Construction	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Federal highway construction funding received after redistribution of unobligated federal funds in other states.				11,612,073		0.00		
BA #:	29	Agency/Program:	Transportation - General Operations	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Joint federal and state motor fuel tax compliance project to: 1) expand efforts to enhance motor fuel tax enforcement; 2) supplement motor fuel tax examinations and criminal investigations; 3) evaluate and implement registration and reporting requirements for motor fuel taxpayers; 4) analyze and implement programs to reduce tax evasion associated with other highway use taxes; 5) address issues related to Indian tribes and state motor fuel taxes; and 6) analyze and implement programs to reduce tax evasion associated with foreign imported fuel.				91,759		0.00		
BA #:	032	Agency/Program:	Transportation - General Operations	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Federal authority for the On-the-Job Training Supportive Services Programs to expand efforts in providing Native Americans and women training to obtain employment as entry-level heavy equipment operators and truck drivers.				164,891		0.00		
BA #:	11.01	Agency/Program:	Transportation - Motor Carrier Services Division	Funding:	Federal	Concerns:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Purpose:	Operating plan change that moves funding from personal services (\$228,749) to operating expenses (\$98,749) and equipment (\$130,000) associated with an existing boarder enforcement grant.				0		0.00		
Summary for 'LFC Meeting' = Jun 2008 (30 detail records)					Amount FY08	Amount FY09	FTE FY08	FTE FY09	
Grand Total:					\$19,738,115	\$5,273,476	1.64	4.37	